

**Application Form****Profile**

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**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate the Separation of the Planning Commission & Zoning Commission: Submitted

**Education & Experiences**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

**Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?**

I possess Extensive Knowledge and experience in Land Use Boards and Commissions including their functions and operation. My unique experience would be most valuable to discern the feasibility, benefits, and costs of separating the Planning and Zoning Commission into two separate entities. I am well versed in the roles and possess the tools to evaluate whether separation would increase efficiency; improve public transparency, and reduce the potential for conflicts of interest. I possess in depth knowledge and experience to review and evaluate staffing impacts, budgetary implications, modifications to department organization, changes required to local ordinances including the Town of Ledyard Charter, and potential improvements to the permitting timeline.

**Community Involvement**

Previous member and chair of the Ledyard Planning Commission and Ledyard Planning and Zoning Commission. Current member and previous member and chair of the Ledyard Economic Development Commission. Previous member and chair of the Ledyard WPCA. Previous member and chair of the SECOG Regional Planning Commission. Former employment as interim Ledyard Zoning Enforcement Official

**Educational Background**

Graduate engineer, Retired Naval Nuclear Officer, Retired Electric Boat Manager Completed UCONN CLEAR Land Use Training for Commissioners Completed UCONN CLEAR Land Use Commissioner Advanced Training Participated in Biennial CT Bar Land Use Seminars Participated in numerous workshops on Land Use Issues over the years of serving

Michael J Cherry

Retired

Employer

Job Title

Upload a Resume

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## Party Affiliation

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Unaffiliated

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## Disclaimer & FOIA Information

Your attendance and active participation is important for the Committee to conduct its business. Any member of a Committee/Commission/Board who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Committee and the vacancy shall be filled, except that the Committee may vote to waive attendance requirements in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a member to meet the attendance requirements. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Committee to notify the Town Council or Mayor's office when a member has not properly performed his/her duties.

### Please Agree with the Following Statement

**If selected as a board member, I understand that information on this application is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and may be disclosed to anyone requesting this information.**

I Agree

### Signature (type full name below)

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## Roxanne Maher

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**From:** mj.cherry@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 12:21 PM  
**To:** Roxanne Maher  
**Subject:** formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to evaluate if the Planning & Zoning Commission should stay as one commission or if it should be separated into two Commissions.

Please forward to Admin Committee

As a former member and Chair of the Ledyard Planning Commission and former member and Chair of the combined PZC I would be eminently qualified and pleased to serve on any Ad-Hoc committee formed to study the subject question.

Thank You for your consideration.

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